

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Final Office action mailed December 11, 2007, in which claims 5-8 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form.

This amendment presents claims 5-8 rewritten in independent form and cancels the rejected claims. By so doing, this application is now in a condition for allowance, which is solicited.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Applicants have rewritten claim 5 and cancelled claims 1-4 and 9-25 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim rewriting and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or patent applications.

Conclusion

Although it is believed no fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with filing of this correspondence to the Deposit Account No. **09-1990**.

Respectfully submitted,

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